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This is a reply to the Final Rejection mailed October 21, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.